

Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—MedicareChoice Program; Collection of User Fees From MedicareChoice Plans and Risk-Sharing Contractors [HCFA-1911-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AI35) received June 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

9973. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 1998 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 369; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶66.8 COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 26, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, June 26, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.:

That the Senate Agreed to House amendment S. 731.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 651.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 652.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 848.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 960.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1184.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1217.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1635.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 113.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

¶66.9 COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 29, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, June 29, 1998 at 3:03 p.m.

That the Senate Agreed to House amendments to Senate amendments H.R. 3130.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

¶66.10 COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 10, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the

Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, July 10, 1998 at 11:30 a.m.

That the Senate Agreed to conference report H.R. 2676.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

¶66.11 ENROLLED BILLS, AND JOINT
RESOLUTION, SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYWORTH, announced that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker pro tempore, Mrs. MORELLA, signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution, on the following dates:

On Tuesday, June 30, 1998:

H.R. 651. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 652. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 848. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 960. An Act to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1184. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1217. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2202. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An Act to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements.

H.R. 2877. An Act to amend the Occupational Health Act of 1970.

H.R. 3130. An Act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentives payments for child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for states that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 831. An Act to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden Memorial, and for other purposes.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1998:

H.R. 1635. An Act to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3035. An Act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

H.J. Res. 113. An Act approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

¶66.12 ORDER OF BUSINESS—RECESS

On motion of Mr. PITTS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That at any time, after convening at 9 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, the Speaker may declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania.

¶66.13 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
AUTHORIZATION

Mr. SENSENBRENNER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1273) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term "Director" means the Director of the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(2) **FOUNDATION.**—The term "Foundation" means the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(3) **BOARD.**—The term "Board" means the National Science Board established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(4) **UNITED STATES.**—The term "United States" means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(5) **NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY.**—The term "national research facility" means a research facility funded by the Foundation which is available, subject to appropriate policies allocating access, for use by all scientists and engineers affiliated with research institutions located in the United States.

**TITLE I—NATIONAL SCIENCE
FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION**

SEC. 101. FINDINGS; CORE STRATEGIES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States depends upon its scientific and technological capabilities to preserve the military and economic security of the United States.

(2) America's leadership in the global marketplace is dependent upon a strong commitment to education, basic research, and development.

(3) A nation that is not technologically literate cannot compete in the emerging global economy.

(4) A coordinated commitment to mathematics and science instruction at all levels of education is a necessary component of successful efforts to produce technologically literate citizens.

(5) Professional development is a necessary component of efforts to produce system wide improvements in mathematics, engineering, and science education in secondary, elementary, and postsecondary settings.

(6)(A) The mission of the National Science Foundation is to provide Federal support for basic scientific and engineering research, and to be a primary contributor to mathematics, science, and engineering education at academic institutions in the United States.

(B) In accordance with such mission, the long-term goals of the National Science Foundation include providing leadership to—